



2014-15 Winter Schedule

Organic Gardening

Thursday,
December 4
9-10:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register



It's time to start planning next year's garden! Learn all about when and how to grow a beautiful organic garden.
Leader: Deb Beazley

Souper Supper



Friday,
December 5
5-7 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens
November 20

The smell of soup will be in the air as we hike at sunset. Bring a vegetable to add to our broth and let the soup simmer as we hike! After the hike we will gather around the campfire and enjoy a soup supper with new friends.
Leaders: Heather Gallagher and Melissa Donahue

Warner Park Nature Center is open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Percy and Edwin Warner Parks are open 7 days a week, sunrise to 11 p.m.

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www.friendsofwarnerparks.com

DECEMBER

Winter StoryWalk® Kick-off!

Saturday, December 6
9 a.m.-3 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Registration not required

It's time to reveal our new winter book! Be among the first to see it! Meander along the Little Acorn Trail and enjoy our story revealed page by page.
Coordinator: Rachel Koch

Hill Forest Hike



Saturday, December 6
12:30-2:30 p.m.

Age level: 8 years & up
Registration opens
November 21

Lace up your hiking boots, throw on your fleece and join us for a rugged hike through the Hill Forest.
Leader: Melissa Donahue

Homeschool Journeys: Habitats of Warner Park

Thursday, December 11
10 a.m.-noon

Age level: 5-13 years (grades K-8)
Registration opens
November 26

Designed just for homeschool students, this program will provide a grade/age appropriate science-based field experience comparing the varied habitats of Warner Parks.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

Nature Center Story Time

Friday, December 12
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Call to register

Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree!
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers



Coast into Winter... with Roller Coaster Science!

Saturday, December 13
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: 6 years & up
Registration opens
November 26

Slide into the season with a little physics! Design and build your own small-scale roller coaster – complete with loops, hills and jumps. All you need is your creativity and a little gravity to unlock the potential energy of your coaster!
Leader: Rachel Anderson

Preserve the Past



Saturday, December 13
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register

Spend a day giving back to the parks that you love and protect a culturally significant and historic cemetery. Assist with preservation of this unique landscape as we work to maintain access and beautify the grounds.
Leader: Paul Fowler

Call 615-352-6299 to register for programs. Registration is required and space is limited.

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Warner Park
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JANUARY

Fall Star Party: Geminid Meteor Shower

Saturday, December 13
7-9 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Call to register

Meet at the Special Events Field in Edwin Warner Park for the Geminid meteor shower! Local astronomers will be on hand with telescopes for night sky viewing.
Coordinators: Sudekum Planetarium, Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society, WPNC Staff/Volunteers

Hike the Hill Forest

Thursday, December 18
9 a.m.-noon

Age level: Adults
Registration opens
December 4

Explore the undisturbed ecosystem of the Hill Forest, one of Nashville's natural treasures!
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

Winter Celebration



Saturday,
December 20
3:30-5:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Registration opens
December 5

Join us as we celebrate the Winter Solstice by watching the sunset on one of the shortest days of the year, warming up around a campfire, and walking through the woods along a luminary-lit pathway.
Coordinator: Vera Vollbrecht

Mossy Ridge Hike

Saturday, January 3
10 a.m.-noon



Age level: Adults
Call to register

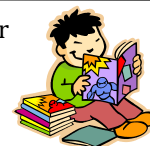
Meet at Deep Well to hike the Mossy Ridge and work off a few holiday pounds. What a great way to start the New Year: outside and active!
Leader: Kim Bailey

Nature Center Story Time

Friday, January 9
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Call to register

Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree!
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers



Running Fitness in the New Year!

Saturday, January 10
9-11 a.m.



Age level: Adults
Call to register

Join Lee Wilson from Nashville Running Company to get started on your New Year's resolution to get fit and get running in 2015! Lee will share training tips, running schedules, stretches and more, and will lead a beginner's run through Edwin Warner Park.
Leader: Lee Wilson, Nashville Running Company

Toolin' on the Trail

Saturday, January 10
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register

Make a resolution to get outside more this year and join our volunteer crew to help with maintenance and upkeep for these highly popular hiking trails.
Leader: Paul Fowler

Birding the Hill Forest



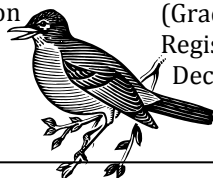
Wednesday, January 14
9-11 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Registration opens
December 30

Search for sapsuckers, kinglets, juncos, sparrows, wrens and more as we hike and explore the undisturbed ecosystem of the Hill Forest.
Leaders: Kim Bailey and Rachel Anderson

Homeschool Journeys: Winter Birds

Thursday, January 15
10 a.m.-noon



Age level: 5-13 years
(Grades K- 8)
Registration opens
December 30

Designed just for homeschool students, this program will provide a grade/age appropriate science-based field experience including a bird-banding demonstration focusing on observation, identification, behavior, and habitats of winter birds.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

Winter Tree Identification



Friday, January 16 &
Saturday, January 17
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Age level: Adults
(13 years and up)
Call to register

Try something different: learn to identify trees just by looking at their twigs! During the morning session we stay inside and learn all the parts of a twig and how to key out trees to species. In the afternoon we will go outside and become familiar with many other features useful in identifying our trees.
Leader: Deb Beazley

Become a Nature Center Volunteer!

Thursday, January 22
10-11:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults
Call to register



Volunteers are needed on an ongoing basis to help at the front desk, assist with education, feed the birds, work in the garden, and much, much, more. Sign up for an orientation and learn how you can become a volunteer.
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

The Tufted Titmouse...and other Winter Birds

Saturday, January 24
10-11:30 a.m.



Age level: 3-5 years & 6-12 years
Registration opens January 9

What do hoarding, rapid weight loss and close-knit families have in common? They are all strategies that birds use to survive the cold winter months! Explore the amazing world of winter birds as we cache our own seeds, learn some winter bird calls, hike to the bird blind, and make a fun craft.
Leaders: Rachel Koch and Rachel Anderson

Teacher Workshop: Geology Rocks



Thursday, January 29
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Age level: Adults/
Educators
Call to register

Educators are invited to this hands-on workshop exploring the geological history of Tennessee. Dr. Molly Miller, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences at Vanderbilt University will help educators grasp major geologic concepts and events. The workshop will include a hike to see examples of karst topography and lots of hands-on activities to use in the classroom with your students.
Leaders: Dr. Molly Miller and Kim Bailey

Organic Gardening



Friday, January 30
9-10:30 a.m.

Age level: Adults
(13 years and up)
Call to register

Start planning and learn how to grow an organic garden this spring! We will discuss topics such as composting, starting seeds indoors, planting dates, insects, soil preparation, plant care, etc.
Leader: Deb Beazley

Nature Center Story Time

Friday, January 30
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Call to register

Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree!
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers



"BYOP" Night Hike & Campfire

Friday, January 30
5-7 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Registration opens January 15

A crisp, cold, starry January night is the perfect time for a hike and campfire! Bring your own picnic for dinner and we will supply the s'mores, the campfire, a guided night hike and an experience in Warner Parks like you've never had before!
Leaders: Melissa Donahue and Rachel Anderson

Walking in the Winter Woods

Saturday, January 31
10 a.m.-noon

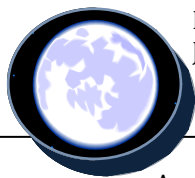
Age level: All ages
Registration opens January 16

Winter is a time of wonder in Warner Parks. Learn to recognize winter trees by bark or twigs while enjoying a family hike.
Leader: Melissa Donahue

FEBRUARY

Winter Sunset & Full Moon Rise

Tuesday, February 3
5-6:30 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Registration opens January 20

Experience a winter sunset and full moon rise as we walk through the quiet winter forest. Owls, coyotes, and flying squirrels are only a few of the creatures we may hear (or see!) during this twilight foray.
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

Warner's Winter Animals

Friday, February 6
10-11 a.m.



Age level: 3-5 years
Registration opens January 22

Animals are all around this time of year. Make tracks to the nature center to investigate the tracks and signs of animals that call Warner's winter woods home.
Leader: Melissa Donahue



Winter Bird Banding Day

Saturday, February 7
9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Age level: All ages
Call to register

Join us for live bird banding demonstrations, exhibits and activities focusing on chickadees, titmice, sparrows and other common winter birds.
Leaders: Sandy Bivens, Nature Center Staff and Volunteer Bird Banders

Winter Star Party

Saturday, February 7
7-9 p.m.



Age level: All ages
Call to register

Meet in Edwin Warner Park to observe the winter night sky! Local astronomers will be on hand with telescopes to view planets, star clusters, and more. Coordinators: Sudekum Planetarium, Barnard-Seyfert Astronomical Society, WPNC Staff/Volunteers

Hike the Hill Forest



Wednesday,
February 11
1-3 p.m.

Age level: 8 years & up
Registration opens
January 27

Lace up your boots for this rugged trek through the undisturbed grandeur of Warner Park's newest property, the Hill Forest!
Leader: Vera Vollbrecht

The Chestnut Group Art Show and Sale: Benefitting Friends of Warner Parks

Friday, February 13
Saturday, February 14
9 a.m. -4 p.m.
Sunday, February 15
Noon-4 p.m.

Age level: All Ages
Registration not required



The Chestnut Group, plein air painters for the land, is partnering with Friends of Warner Parks for a beautiful art show and sale to benefit the Warner Parks. Make plans to attend and take a piece of Warner Parks home with you!
Coordinators: The Chestnut Group and Friends of Warner Parks

Homeschool Journeys: Mammals in Winter

Thursday, February 19
10 a.m.-noon



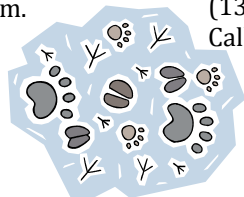
Age Level: 5-13
(Grades K-8)
Registration opens
February 5

Designed just for homeschool students, this program will provide a grade/age appropriate science-based field experience focusing on observation, identification, behavior, and habitats of winter mammals.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

Tracking Animals



Friday, February 20
9-11 a.m.



Age level: Adults
(13 years and up)
Call to register

Every animal leaves behind evidence as it hunts for food and moves about, and winter is the best time to search for footprints, scats, pellets, caches, digs, scrapes and many other clues to discover who has been wandering in these woods, meadows and streams.

Leader: Deb Beazley



Nature Center Story Time

Friday, February 20
10:30-11 a.m.

Age level: Pre-K
Call to register

Join us for seasonal nature stories under the giant beech tree!
Leaders: Nature Center Volunteers



Geologist/Rocks Rock! Badge

Saturday, February 21
1:30-3 p.m.



Age level: Registered
Webelos/Junior Girl
Scouts
Registration opens
February 6

Junior Girl Scouts and Webelos Scouts can fulfill some of the requirements of the Rocks Rock! and Geologist Badges at this hands-on, active program. Space is limited, and registration is required.
Leaders: Nature Center Staff and Volunteers

Hill Forest Trek



Thursday, February 26
1-3 p.m.

Age level: Adults
(13 years and up)
Registration opens
February 12

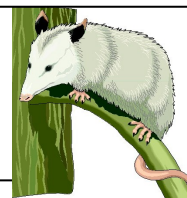
Take a winter trek through the Hill Forest. This exquisite woodland boasts undisturbed trees in a rich diversity of habitat.
Leaders: Rachel Koch and Melissa Donahue

Oh my, Opossum!

Friday, February 27
10-11 a.m. OR 1-2 p.m.

Age level: 3-5 years
Registration opens
February 12

Join us for some entertaining "tails" and fun facts about Tennessee's ubiquitous marsupial!
Leader: Rachel Koch



Partners for Plants: Weed Wrangle

Saturday, February 28
9 a.m. -noon



Age level: Adults
(13 years and up)
Call to register

Join in on the city-wide effort to protect native species and help combat the spread of invasive exotic pest plants in the Warner Parks. Learn more about how these plants threaten the native ecosystem and get your hands dirty as we work to restore the natural integrity of the Parks.
Leader: Paul Fowler